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SUBJECT: ZAIRE FMS ARREARAGES

REF: STATE 107328, WALKER/CUTLER TELECON MAY 16

1. DEPARTMENT CONFIRMS THE ZAIRE FMS PAYMENTS ARREARAGES AS DOLS 435,953.21.
2. ZAIRE CURRENTLY HAS NO RESIDUAL CREDIT. ALL AVAILABLE FUNDS HAVE BEEN COMMITTED AGAINST EXISTING FMS OR COMMERCIAL BUYS. DSAA INFORMS US THAT ZAIRE PLANS TO REDUCE BY HALF A CURRENT FMS BUY FOR 2 1/2 TON TRUCKS AND WRECKERS. ASSUMING CANCELLATION CHARGES ARE NOT TOO SEVERE, THIS WOULD FREE ABOUT DOLS 1.5 MILLION IN FY 77 CREDIT FOR NEW PROCUREMENT, E.G. PETROL.
3. AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH THE FY 78 LOAN AGREEMENT, NOT AS YET OBTAINED, SHOULD FREE ANOTHER DOLS 7 MILLION OF FY 77 FUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE PROCUREMENT BY ALLOWING PROGRESS

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PAYMENTS FOR THE REDUCED NUMBER OF TRUCKS AND WRECKERS TO BE PAID WITH FY 78 CREDIT.

4. SEPTTEL WILL FOLLOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO APPRISE YOU OF OUR LATEST THINKING ON HOW TO RESPOND TO ZAIRE'S

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE BOTH IN EXPEDITIOUS DELIVERIES OF

PIPELINE ITEMS (KINSHASA 4793) AS WELL AS UTILIZATION
OF FY 78 FMS CREDITS. MEANWHILE YOU SHOULD PLAN TO USE
FIGURE OF DOLS 435,953.21 WITH GOZ AT SUCH TIME AS YOU
ARE EXPLICITLY INSTRUCTED TO APPROACH THEM AGAIN ON
ARREARAGES QUESTION IN CONTEXT OF THEIR REQUEST TO DRAW
DOWN ON FY 78 CREDITS. VANCE

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